

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. There should be a limit to the number of stations owned by a particular media to avoid this type of corporate democracy.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions require investigation in the licensing process and show why we need to strengthen media ownership limits, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve the local community more than a returned postcard. Thank you.